

REMARKS

The finality of the restriction requirement is noted. Applicants confirm their election of claim group II, and request that the non-elected claims be maintained in this application, without further Action, for possible rejoinder and/or for filing of a divisional application.

The allowance of claims 8, 9, 21, 23 and 24 and the conditional allowability of claim 5 is noted with thanks. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form, and claims 3, 4, 6-9 and 22 have been amended to better conform to U.S. practice and employ more idiomatic English. The original specification has also been amended to correct grammatical errors, employ more idiomatic English and conform to U.S. practice. A substitute specification and a marked annotated specification accompany this Amendment. No new matter has been entered by any of the foregoing amendments.

Turning to the rejection of claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 20 and 22 under 35 USC § 103 as obvious over Yamamoto (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0009261) in view of Sakami (See IDS; Japanese Patent No. 2001-223232) and Kitajima et al. (U.S. Patent 6,107,181), the Examiner's rejection is in error. Independent claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 20 and 22 each require an apparatus having a base that receives the semiconductor device with a semiconductor wafer having a resist formed thereon, said resist having a penetrating hole formed at specification tab positions. None of the Examiner's art teaches this feature. Yamamoto et al. teaches an apparatus that lines up microballs, which are later placed upon a semiconductor wafer (paragraph 61). And, Sakami et al. and Kitajima et al. only teach a semiconductor wafer having a resist. However, the teaching of an apparatus with a base adapted to receive a semiconductor wafer having a resist over the hole patterns so as to directly receive microsphere

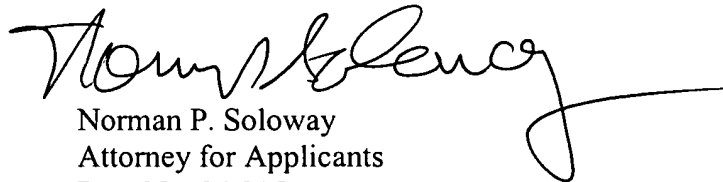
is missing. Thus, no combination of Yamamoto, Sakami et al. and Kitajima et al. can anticipate Applicants' claims.

Credit card form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$200.00 for the added independent claim is enclosed.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.


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